GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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NEW CO OPERATIVE POLICY
PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a new Co-operative Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also propose to introduce amendments to the Multi- State Cooperative Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the stage at which the matter stands as on date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Central Government has already approved the National Policy on Cooperatives.

(b): The objective of the policy is to facilitate all-round development of the Cooperatives in the country. Under this policy, cooperatives would be provided necessary support, encouragement and assistance to enable them to work as autonomous, self-reliant and democratically managed institutions accountable to their members. The policy also seeks to achieve functioning of cooperatives based on cooperative principles and values, reduction of regional imbalances, strengthening of cooperative education and training, professionalisation, ensuring greater participation of members in the management.

(c) & (d): After its approval by the Cabinet, the Multi-State Cooperative SocietiesBill, 2000, replacing the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984, has been introduced in Lok Sabha on 24th November, 2000. This Bill is pending for consideration and passing of that House. The objective of the Bill is to remove the so identified restrictive provisions in the existing Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 and to provide full functional autonomy and democratic management of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies. The Bill also seeks to infuse professionalisation in the management of these institutions.